

1890

## Diary for 05 02 to 06 30, 1890

Willis Carter

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/willis\\_carter](https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/willis_carter)



Part of the [Education Commons](#), and the [History Commons](#)

---

### Repository Citation

Willis Carter diaries, MS 84, Special Collections Department, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Willis Carter Diaries by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact [um.library.technical.services@maine.edu](mailto:um.library.technical.services@maine.edu).

Ther.

<sup>1890</sup>  
~~Thurs.~~ MAY 2, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant, cold.

Clara and I came home and commenced papering the kitchen. Brought the children over this after noon and all stayed home to night.

Mrs. Smith went to the Corner this after-noon.

Ther.

<sup>1890</sup>  
~~Fri.~~ MAY 3, 1889

Wea.

Quite pleasant, cold.

He finished papering the ~~total~~ kitchen, except a short piece of border.

Mrs. Smith papered their kitchen.

Joe. Duvine cows got out on the road.

I went out after Corde to night, with Tip.

Mrs. Smith and Elias came home to night.

Ther.

Sun 1890  
SAT. MAY 4, 1889

Wea.

Rainy about all day.  
Thundered and lightened some.  
Tona. Rosworth came out  
to Mr. Smith's and stayed to  
supper.  
Elias went to Dennyville to  
night.

Ther.

Mon 1890  
SUN. MAY 5, 1889

Wea.

Churned.

Heavy, warm rain.  
Rained hard about all day.  
Churned this forenoon.  
I picked over a few potatoes  
etc. in the cellar, sawed a lit-  
tle wood. \*

Clara washed, after taking  
care of the butter, cleaned the  
other room etc.

Mr. Smith and Elias came  
home, there being too much wa-  
ter to run the mill.

Ther.

Fair 1890  
MON. MAY 6, 1889

Wea.

Rainy and wet. Rains  
very hard to night, between 9 and  
10 o'clock. Thunder some.

I worked on the road  
between the house and the barn,  
cleared up some below the  
well, etc.

Ther.

Wed. 1890  
TUES. MAY 7, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant part of the  
fore-noon. Rained part of the  
after-noon.

I finished sawing wood  
down to the sand-hole, clear-  
ed up some etc.



Ther.

Thurs. 1890  
WED. MAY 8, 1889

Wea.

-10

Ther.

Fri. 1890  
THURS. MAY 9, 1889

Wea.

Rainy and wet this afternoon.

I cleared up some this fore-noon. Cleared up some in the Celar this afternoon.

Mr. Smith and Pales loaded the boat with saw-dust but it rained too hard to go to Eastport.

Mr. Smith went out to Fanning's. Sarah came over here this afternoon a little while.

Quite pleasant, cold and windy. Rained most of last night.

Sarah stayed with the children and Clara and I went to the Corner this fore-noon. Went up to the Graveyard a little while. Broke the cross-bar of the wagon coming in home and had to go out and get it and the things with the truck-wagon. I sawed some wood to-night.

Mr. Smith went to the Corner this fore-noon and to Lemmerville to-night.

Sarah went out to her grandmother's this afternoon.

Ther.

Sat 1890  
FRI. MAY 10, 1889

Wea.

Rained part of last night  
and most of to-day. Rains  
to-night.

I went out to the road,  
carried father's horse-sled home  
and got 200 lbs. of hay of him.

Mr. Smith came home to-  
night. He did not saw today.

Eliza went up to Cross-Roads.  
James, Helen and Lizzie went  
to Eastport. Could not sell  
butter. Had to bring it back

Ther.

Sun. 1890  
SAT. MAY 11, 1889

Wea.

Clear up quite place  
out to day.

Clara and Sarah went  
to Hard-scrabble to Sunday-  
school this afternoon.

Mr. Smith went to Sen-  
myville to-night.

Ther.

1890  
Sun. MAY 12, 1889

Wea.

Cool.

Quite pleasant, windy.  
Father and James brought  
their colt, Major, out this  
morning and I've put him  
in my pasture with my <sup>Ben's</sup> lot.  
I went out to Father's and  
got a piece of wood to make  
a cross-bar to the wagon.  
I fenced this afternoon  
a pitch-pole fence.

Mrs. Smith went down to  
Mrs. Benj. Dudley's, this af-  
ternoon.

Ther.

1890  
Thues. MON. MAY 13, 1889

Wea.

Looked much like rain  
this forenoon. Cleared up  
about noon - quite pleasant.  
I went up to Eddie Bon's  
and got Trip's shoes set.  
Finished the cross-bar to the  
wagon this morning. I got  
my dinner to Reel Brown's.  
I fenced some this afternoon.

Ther.

Wed

1890

Churned

TUES. MAY 14, 1889

Wea.

Rained hard about all the fore-noon. Rained some more to night

I went down to Arthur's to help him plow but it come on to rain soon after 7 o'clock. I stayed there till after dinner and then came home. I sowed some wood.

Clara has not been very well for a few days.

Ther.

Thurs

1890

WEB. MAY 15, 1889

Wea.

Rained some this morning and hard the last part of the after-noon and evening.

I went over to the Corner this fore-noon and sold some butter and got a barrel of flour etc. Mrs. Smith went over with me. Butter is very dull - hard to sell at any price either here or at E. port. I cleared up - piled sticks etc - from a price to plow.

Ther.

Fri 1890  
THURS. MAY 16, 1889

Wea.

Cloudy all day, <sup>and</sup>  
I went over to the Corner  
this fore-noon. Cleaned out  
the hog-pen this after-noon.  
Father and Mr. James Dunn  
came out this after-noon.

Father and I went out and  
cut and lugged brush and put  
in the "River of Sticks" an hour  
or two.

Mrs. Smith<sup>x</sup> went over to  
Mrs. C. Owen's.

Clara washed, ironed  
and scrubbed.

Ther.

Sat 1890  
FRI. MAY 17, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant, quite warm.  
I went down to Arthur's  
this morning. Plowed about 2½  
hours. Arthur and I both  
went to Dennyville just  
before noon, to Dr. John Vasis.

Tip was covered to-day by Mr.  
Vasis stallion - Bonnie Edward. (Sec-  
ond time) Carroll and I plow-  
ed, front of the house, for garden.  
I went to the Corner this even-  
ing.

Mr. Smith and Elsie came  
home to-night.

Sarah went over to the Cor-  
ner this fore-noon and will stay  
all night.

Edwin Brown's (2nd) wife died  
this after-noon, after a long ill-  
ness.

Ther.

Sun

1890

SAT. MAY 18, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

Sabbath-school was organized this forenoon as follows:

Superintendent	-	Willis Carter
Ass't	"	- C. A. Brown.
Clerk	-	Nettie O. Carter.
Treasurer	-	Mar. J. W. Smith.
Librarian	-	A. C. Carter
Ass't "		J. H. Carter

Time to commence 9:30 A. M.

James came out to dinner with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over this afternoon and stayed to supper.

Mr. Smith went to Denningville to night.

Ther.

Mon

1890

SAT. MAY 19, 1889

Wea.

Cloudy most of the day.  
Rains quite hard to night.  
I planted a few potatoes and a few peas it being the first of my farming this spring.

Alara has had a very bad tooth ache to day. She has washed etc.

Mrs. Smith went out to the road this forenoon.

Father went to Eastport this forenoon, fenced this afternoon.

Elias went up to the mill this morning, worked this forenoon, came home and chased the cattle part of this afternoon.

Emma came home to night with her first calf (haifer)

Emma "came in" to day.



Ther.

MON. MAY 20, 1889

Wea.

Rained hard and ~~blowed~~  
almost a gale about all  
night. Heavy but short show-  
ers through the day.

I pitched over manure  
part of the time etc.

Elias went to the Corner this  
forenoon.

Ther.

TUES. MAY 21, 1889

Wea.

Rained hard and blow-  
ed almost a gale all night.  
Quite pleasant today.

I cleaned out a ditch through  
the "plowed piece" this forenoon.  
While putting my to-  
matoes over <sup>the</sup> door, I stepped out  
of a chair on to a tomato can  
and wrenched my ankle  
very badly. Have not done  
anything this after-noon.

Mr. Smith came home from  
the mill - done for the present.

Elias went to the Corner this  
forenoon.

Father called here a few min-  
utes - has been fencing

Ther.

Thurs 1890  
WED. MAY 22, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

My foot is not swelled quite so much nor pain me so much as yesterday but I can not walk on it.

Clara has been braiding for a mat.

Mr. Smith bought some hay of father to-day.

Mrs. Smith went out to her mother's this after-noon.

Venie & Grace arrived home from Mass. soon after dinner.

Elias went to the Corner this fore-noon and again this after-noon to get Venie's and Grace's trunks, and got 5 or 9 hundred pounds of pomace.

Ther.

Fri 1890  
THURS. MAY 23, 1889

Chimed.

Pleasant, cool, windy.

My foot has been a little better so that I could get about some. I planted a few beets and some golden Wax, golden eye Wax, and some white Wax beans and some yellow corn.

Mr. Smith sowed his oats. Mrs. Smith went to the Corner. Grace and Sarah came over here a little while tonight. Father and James went to Eastport.

I chimed this after-noon.



Ther.

Sat.

1890

Fri. MAY 24, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

I went to the Corners this fore-noon — got 50 Lbs. of Phosphate for garden etc.

I planted some carrot and carr parsnip seed this after-noon.

Mr. Smith planted some potatoes, etc.

Mrs. Smith and Venie have both been sick today.

Sarah went out to her grandmother Bosworth's to help her, she not being very well.

My foot has been a little stronger today.

Mother came out this fore-noon and stayed till after supper.

11

Ther.

Sun.

1890

Sat. MAY 25, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

My foot is so lame that I did not go to Sunday-school.

Clara went down to day.

Gov. McVicar and his mother came in to Mr. Smith's today.

Venie went out to her grandmother Bosworth's, with them; Clara and Grace walked out, and stayed a little while.

Venie stayed here to supper.

Father and Mr. Smith went over to the Union house to Memorial service — held by Revs. Brown and Skelton. Mr. Smith, Eliza, Sarah and Grace went to Herdscrabble to meeting to night.

Ther.

Mon

1890

SUN. MAY 26, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.

I planted some garden seeds  
pumpkins (sweet potato) etc.

Father has Tip today, sowing  
grain. James got her this morning.

Mr. Smith's cow "Spot" did  
not come up last night. Af-  
ter hunting for her part of  
the fore-noon, Elias found her  
in the mine, across the brook  
in father's pasture. He and his  
father got her out and they with  
Father, James, Tom. Baworth, and I  
got her away - across the mine.  
She was quite weak but soon got  
to up and walked home.

Mr. Smith planted potatoes this  
after-noon.

Venice stayed here to supper.

Clara washed, etc.

Ther.

Tues

1890

MON. MAY 27, 1889

Wea.

Rainy and wet all  
day - lightly this fore-noon  
quite hard this after-noon.

Arthur, Tom. Baworth, Fred St.  
Sunn, and I worked for  
father this fore-noon - getting  
out manure.

~~Venice came over, stayed to  
supper and will~~

Clara stayed over to her  
mother's to dinner.

Ther.

Tues. MAY 28, 1889

Wea.

Rained about all day.

I split a little wood and fixed some fence, this forenoon.

Venie came over this after-noon and will stay all night.

Ther.

Wed. MAY 29, 1889

Wea.

Cloudy and quite Cold.  
I split wood this forenoon.  
This after-noon Clara and I went over to the graveyard and fixed up our little grave. I got a load of pomace, some over a half-ton, of H. J. H. Co. Hauled it way home.  
Mr. Smith went to Den-nyville.

Elias went over to the Corner and got a bag of meal.

Ther.

Fri<sup>1</sup> 1890  
Thurs. MAY 30, 1889

Wea.

Decoration,  
Pleasant.

I picked and hauled  
some rocks this forenoon,  
planted some squashes (12 hills)  
and some wax beans, this after  
noon.

Clara, Venie, Grace and  
Elias went to the Corner to  
Decoration. Sarah went to  
Dennysville.

"G. A. R." speaking this ev-  
ening at in Pembroke.

Big "time" to Dennysville this evening.  
Elias went up.

Mr. Smith fenced.

Ther.

Sat 1890  
Fri. MAY 31, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant, cloudy, sprinkled.  
Arthur worked for me to-  
day. He plowed the rough  
piece below the well.  
Father and Mr. Smith fenced.  
Father was here to dinner.

Ther.

Sun. 1890  
SAT. JUNE 1, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.

I went down to Sunday-school this fore-noon.

Clara, Mrs. Smith, and Vernie went up to Mrs. Hanson's this fore-noon with the horse & wagon, and Mr. Smith and Grace walked up this after-noon. All went to meeting this after-noon. Grace stayed up; Mrs. Smith and Vernie stayed out to Mrs. Boworth's. They and Mrs. Sarah went out and they all went to Harold's stable to meeting.

Ther.

Sun. 1890  
SUN. JUNE 2, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

I furrowed, harrowed, and manured out for corn, beans, etc. all day.

Mr. Smith planted potatoes, Grace came home from Edmunds to night.

Ther.

*Ther* 1890  
 MON. JUNE 3, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant, warm.

I planted corn, beans, peas, etc. all day. Clara helped me some.

Mr. Smith has been planting potatoes.

Venie came over to supper.

Mr. Smith went over to Mr. MacL. Owen's this afternoon; she and Sarah went to meeting this evening.

Elias went out to the river fishing - got a mess of small pollock.

Father went over to the Corns this afternoon to attend the funeral of Mr. Hosea Smith who died very suddenly, last Sunday morning.

Ther.

*Wed* 1890  
 TUES. JUNE 4, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

I went out to work for Ulysses - planted Inabel's garden and hauled out manure.

Clara and the children and Venie went out to Mother's. Corroll and Stella went to school.

Mr. Smith finished planting potatoes - over a half acre.



Ther.

Thurs 1890  
 WEB. JUNE 5, 1889

Wea.

Looked much like rain  
 Wet this fore-noon.

I "holed out" and "manned  
 out" for squashes, cucumbers  
 etc, and planted 12 hills of  
 cucumbers. I went out to  
 father's and got my mail.

Mr. Smith went to Denney  
 ville.

Father and James fenced some.

Ther.

Fri 1890  
 THURS. JUNE 6, 1889

Wea.

Cloudy.

I went out and finished  
 hauling manure for Ulysses,  
 this fore-noon. I cultivated  
 some this afternoon, and  
 planted some beans, etc.

Mr. Smith went to the Cor-  
 ner this fore-noon and Elias  
 fenced. They fixed their bean-  
 ground, this afternoon.

Vinie, Coaz, and Sarah came  
 over this evening.

Ther.

Sat <sup>1890</sup>  
FRI. JUNE 7, 1889

Wea.

Rained part of last night  
and raining and wet all of day.

I went over to Mrs. Smith's  
a while this fore-noon.

Mr. Smith went out and got  
some hay (lugged it in) of Tom Brown  
and he came out with him  
and stayed till near night.

Venil came over and stayed  
to supper.

Mr. Smith's cow - "Spot" - came  
in last night.

Ther.

Sun <sup>1890</sup>  
SAT. JUNE 8, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant.

Went to Sabbath-school  
this fore-noon.

Mr. Smith went up to Cross  
Roads this fore-noon but came  
right back as Adna and Clara  
had started for to come out  
to his house. They all came  
over here a little while this  
after-noon. They stayed over  
there till after supper.

Father went to the Vesting  
this fore-noon to meeting and  
this after-noon to George Watts  
funeral.



Ther.

Sun. JUNE 9, 1889

Wea.

12

Ther.

Mon. JUNE 10, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant and very windy.  
I went to the Corner this forenoon. Sent for some Stanley Books and a bible to John C. Winston & Co, and for outfit for Stanley's book. On books to Africa, also for S. S. supplies.

Grace and Sarah went over with me.

I spread pomace and cultivated for oats this afternoon.

Clara has not felt very well and Venie came over and helped her.

Pleasant and warm.  
I sowed my oats, harrowed and cult my potato piece, hauled out and spread five loads of manure, and planted 54 hills of squash.

Rhoda and Mrs. Brown came out to Mrs. Smith's visiting.

Venie came over and helped Clara wash etc., this forenoon. She went out to her grandmother's tonight.

Mrs. Smith went to work in the mill this afternoon.

Ther.

Wed 1890  
TUES. JUNE 11, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant windy Cold  
Clouded up and rained  
some this evening.

I hauled and spread  
five loads of manure, fur-  
rowed, and planted 1 barrel  
of potatoes it being the first  
I have planted except a few  
for early potatoes.

Mrs. Smith, Sarah, and Venie  
went out to Fannie's visiting.  
Mrs. Mad. Owen and "Goldie"  
came over here a little.

Mr. Smith came home from the  
mill - shaft broke.

Ther.

Thurs 1891  
WED. JUNE 12, 1889

Wea.

Quite pleasant.  
Arthur worked for me to day  
- plowing. May came with  
him.

I went out to the road this  
morning. Planted 12 hills of squashes  
to night.

Deborah came out to  
Mrs. Smith's this forenoon -  
called here.

Ther.

THURS. JUNE 13, 1889

Wea.

Planted potatoes

Ther.

FRI. JUNE 14, 1889

Wea.

Ther. <sup>Sun</sup> <sup>1890</sup>  
~~SAT. JUNE 15, 1889~~ Wea.

Pleasant.

Went to Sabbath-school  
this fore-noon.

Venie, Grace and Sarah went  
up to their grandmother Smith's  
with Deborah and Bela Anthony's  
team. They came home early  
and we all went over to  
supper.

Ther. <sup>Mon</sup> <sup>1890</sup>  
~~SUN. JUNE 16, 1889~~ Wea.

Pleasant, quite cool.

I carried Venie and Grace  
to Eastport en route for Lowell.  
Had for a load - Venie, Grace,  
Clara, myself, Grace's trunk, veal  
calf and a crock of butter.

Had a very pleasant time.  
Brought home a barrel of flour, etc.

Mr. Smith went up to the  
mill. Elias went up too after  
taking Venie's trunk over to Will  
Woodworth's.

Ther.

<sup>1890</sup>  
 MON. JUNE 17, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant. Very warm.

I hauled manure, furrowed etc and planted 5 bush of potatoes. I went out to father's swapped a barrel of potatoes and borrowed 1/2 barrel more. James helped me this afternoon.

James went to the Corner this forenoon - Carried mother over to Clara Owens.

Mrs. Smith went to the corner.

Ther.

<sup>1890</sup>  
 TUES. JUNE 18, 1889

Wea.

Hot this forenoon. Thunder shower this afternoon. James helped me this forenoon and part of the afternoon. Hauled and spread manure, harrowed, and furrowed one furrow when it commenced to rain. After the shower I went to the corner.

Mrs. Smith went out to the road.

Ther.

Thurs 1890  
WED. JUNE 19, 1889 Wea. Cloudy,

Cloudy.

I chummed, hord potatoes, peas, squashes etc this forenoon; planted about a baril of potatoes this afternoon. "Knah" came in last night. Father called here tonight.

Ther.

Fri 1891  
THURS. JUNE 20, 1889 Wea.

Pleasant.

I carried "Betsy" out to State's this morning, to Hemans' bull. (237) I went over to the Corner this forenoon and got my books - 4 Stanley books and a bible for Mrs. Page.

Clara and Mrs. Smith went with me. After getting the horse's shoes set to Edolie's went up to Adams'. They stayed there to dinner and I went up to Mr. Ligon's.

I delivered Mrs. Page's bible, on our way home. I worked some in the garden tonight.

Ther.

Sat 1890  
FRI. JUNE 21, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant, warm, windy.

I fixed fence some this fore-noon, hoed beans, tomatoes etc, and carried a Stanley book - Heroes of the Dark Continent. I carried Mr. Smith's Stanley book over to night.

Mr. Smith came home to night. Elias went to the Corner this evening.

Mrs. Smith went out to Mrs. Olive Dennis, visiting.

Ther

Sun 1890  
SAT. JUNE 22, 1889

Wea.

Rainy this morning. Cleared off pleasant and warm.

I started to go to Sabbath school this fore-noon, but it rained and I came back. Elias went.

Clara and I started to go to Hardscrabble to meeting this evening but there was none. He went as far as Bales's



Ther.

*Mon* <sup>1890</sup> ~~SUN~~ JUNE 23, 1889 *Wearied*

Pleasant, except a few light showers this after-noon. I went to Denny's mill this fore-noon. Carried Albert Denny's Stanley book to him and Fred's Stanhope's "Heroes" (\$5.00).

Mr. Smith went up with me. He came back tonight.

Elias and I worked on our road this after-noon.

Benj. Mollay got his corn of father this forenoon.

Churned twice this forenoon. Emma made 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  - 7oz. of butter the fifth week after calving.

Ther.

*Tues* <sup>1890</sup> ~~MON~~ JUNE 24, 1889 *Wea.*

Dull and wet.

I split some wood, planted 15 hills of cucumbers, and 42 hills of cabbage.

Mr. Smith worked on his hay-rack, etc.

Mrs. Smith and Elias went to the Corner this forenoon.



Ther.

Wed <sup>1890</sup>  
TUES. JUNE 25, 1889

Wea.

Rained part of last  
and about all of today.

Clara has not been very  
well for a week or more.

13

Ther.

Thurs <sup>1890</sup>  
WED. JUNE 26, 1889

Wea.

Cloudy this forenoon,  
raining and wet all the af-  
ter-noon.

I fenced all the fore-  
noon.

Mr. Smith, Elsie and Bess  
went after a load of sock-  
weed for Mr. Smith.

The "Census man" - Mr. Ly-  
man G. Smith called here  
this after-noon.

Ther.

<sup>1890</sup>  
~~Fri~~  
 THURS. JUNE 27, 1889

Wea.

Dull. Showery this afternoon.  
Cool.

I split wood this fore-noon; hauled two loads of rockweed for Mr. Smith one of which he gave me. Elsie hauled rock-weed from Balis' shore.

Father, James and Arthur went to Eastport in Arthur's new boat.

Ther.

<sup>1890</sup>  
~~Sat~~  
 FRI. JUNE 28, 1889

Wea.

Dull. Showers this afternoon. Rained hard.

I went to the Corner this fore-noon and got a load of pomace of Jos. Wilcox (for father) to plant turnips on. This afternoon Mr. Smith and I went to Lemmysville; this got some of his calves from Mr. Warren Smith's.

Ther.

1890  
Sun

SAT. JUNE 29, 1889

Wea.

~~Shower~~ this forenoon.  
Cleared up pleasant.

~~I did not go to Sunday-~~  
school this forenoon.

~~I did not go to Sun-~~  
day-school.

Pleasant except a few  
sprinkles this after-noon.

Ther.

Mon

1890

SUN. JUNE 30, 1889

Wea.

Pleasant except a  
shower this' after-noon.

Bales, Nat, Mr. Smith,  
and I started fishing, this  
fore-noon. Had a good run  
up Calais river to Loring's Cove  
where we anchored for the night.

Did not fish any.